

National EMS Week Planning Kits Mailed to Virginia EMS Agencies

The 2004 National EMS Week Planning Kit is being mailed to each Virginia EMS agency during the week of March 22, 2004. The kit is designed to assist local EMS agencies with planning and conducting special activities during National EMS Week, May 16-22, 2004. This year's EMS Week theme, "EMS: There When You Need Us," emphasizes that no matter what the emergency or when it occurs, EMS is there to provide immediate life-saving care and transportation.

The kit contains EMS Week proclamations, clip art, children's activities, fact sheets, "how-to" suggestions, ideas from other EMS agencies and an official products catalogue. For additional information or assistance in planning EMS Week activities, contact the Office of EMS Public Information and Education Unit at Ruth.Robertson@vdh.virginia.gov or Deidra.Snipes@vdh.virginia.gov.

Kit information is also available on the American College of Emergency Physicians Web page at www.acep.org/ems week.

National EMS Memorial Service to be Held May 29 in Roanoke, Va.

The National EMS Memorial Service will honor EMS providers from across the country, who have given their lives in the line of duty, at a special service on May 29 in Roanoke, Va. It will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. Members of the honorees' families will be presented with a medallion, symbolizing eternal memory; a U.S. Flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol, symbolizing service to the country; and a white rose, symbolizing undying love.

Each honoree's name is engraved on a bronze oak leaf that is added to the "Tree of Life," the permanent memorial on exhibit at the "To The Rescue" Museum in Roanoke, Va.

For more information on the National EMS Memorial Service contact Kevin Dillard at kdillard@lifecare94.com.

National EMS Day for Children

You may want to plan injury prevention and child safety activities for children on National EMS Day for Children, May 19, 2004. The National EMS Week kit has information on this.